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AMENDMENT and RESPONSE

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Sir:

This Amendment is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on August 14, 2001, in connection with the above-identified application. A request for a three-month extension of time accompanies this amendment thereby extending the due date for the response from January 9, 2002 to April 9, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claims 22-53 and add new claims 54-68 as follows:

54. An isolated and purified polynucleotide selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:3, SEQ ID NO:4 and SEQ ID NO:5 and degenerate codon equivalents thereof.

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